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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

Dulcis inexperto cultura potentis Amici
Expertus metuit —— Hor.

From *Saturday July* 8. to *Tueſday July* 11. 1710.

From my own Apartment, July 10.

THE intended Courſe of my Studies was altered this Evening by a Viſit from an old Acquaintance, who complained to me, mentioning one upon whom he had long depended, that he found his Labour and Perſeverance in his Patron's Service and Intereſts wholly ineffectual; and he thought now, after his beſt Years were ſpent in a profeſſed Adherence to him and his Fortunes, he ſhould in the End be forced to break with him, and give over all further Expectations from him. He ſighed, and ended his Diſcourſe, by ſaying, You, Mr. *Cenſor*, ſome Time ago gave us your Thoughts of the Behaviour of great Men to their Creditors. This Sort of Demand upon them for what they invite Men to expect, is a Debt of Honour, which, according to Cuſtom, they ought to be moſt careful of paying, and would be a very worthy Subject for a Lucubration.

Of all Men living, I think I am the moſt proper to treat of this Matter, becauſe in the Character and Employment of Cenſor, I have had Encouragement ſo infinitely above my Deſert, that what I ſay cannot poſſibly be ſuppoſed to ariſe from Peeviſhneſs, or any Diſappointment in that Kind, which I my ſelf have met with. When we conſider Patrons and their Clients, thoſe who receive Addreſſes, and thoſe who are addreſſed to, it muſt not be underſtood that the Dependants are ſuch as are worthleſs in their Natures, abandoned to any Vice or Diſhonour, or ſuch as without a Call truſt themſelves upon Men in Power: Nor when we ſay Patrons, do we mean ſuch as have it not in their Power, or have no Obligation to aſſiſt their Friends; but we ſpeak of ſuch Leagues where there are Power and Obligation on the one Part, and Merit and Expectation on the other. Were we to be very particular on this Subject, I take it, that the Diviſion of Patron and Client may include a Third Part of our Nation. The Want of Merit and real Worth will ſtrike out about Ninety nine in the Hundred of theſe; and Want of Ability in the Patron, will diſpoſe of as many of that Order. He who out of meer Vanity to be applied to will take up another's Time and Fortune in his Service, where he has no Proſpect of returning it, is as much more unjuſt, as thoſe who took up my Friend the Upholder's Goods without paying him for them: I ſay, he is as much more unjuſt, as our Life and Time is more valuable than our Goods and Moveables. Among many whom you ſee about the Great, there is a contented, well-pleaſed Set, who ſeem to like the Attendance for its own Sake, and are early at the Abodes of the Powerful out of meer Faſhion. This Sort of Vanity is as well grounded, as if a Man ſhould lay aſide his own plain Suit, and dreſs himſelf up in a gay Livery of another's.

There are many of this Species who exclude others of juſt Expectation, and make thoſe proper Dependants appear impatient, becauſe they are not as chearful as thoſe who expect nothing. I have made Uſe of the Penny-Poſt for the Inſtruction of theſe voluntary Slaves, and informed them, that they will never be provided for; but they double their Diligence upon Admonition. *Will Afterday* has told his Friends, that he was to have the next Thing theſe Ten Years; and *Harry Linger* has been Fourteen within a Month of a conſiderable Office. However, the fantaſtick Complaiſance which is paid to them, may blind the Great from ſeeing themſelves in a juſt Light, they muſt needs (if they in the leaſt reflect) at ſome Times have a Senſe of the Injuſtice they do in raiſing in others a falſe Expectation. But this is ſo common a Practice in all the Stages of Power, that there are not more Cripples come out of the Wars, than from the Attendance of Patrons. You ſee in one a ſettled Melancholy; in another, a bridled Rage; a Third has loſt his Memory, and a Fourth his whole Conſtitution and Humour. In a Word, when you ſee a particular Caſt of Mind or Body which looks a little upon the diſtracted, you may be ſure the poor Gentleman has formerly had great Friends. For this Reaſon I have thought it a prudent Thing to take a Nephew of mine out of a Lady's Service where he was a Page, and have bound him to a Shoemaker.

But what of all the Humours under the Sun is the moſt pleaſant to conſider, is, That you ſee ſome Men lay as it were a Set of Acquaintance by them, to converſe with when they are out of Employment, who had no Effect of their Power when they were in. Here Patrons and Clients both make the moſt phantaſtical Figure imaginable. Friendſhip indeed is moſt manifeſted in Adverſity; but I do not know how to behave my ſelf to a Man who thinks me his Friend at no other Time but that. *Dick Reptile* of our Club had this in his Head t'other Night, when he ſaid, I am afraid of ill

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News when I am viſited by any of my old Friends. Theſe Patrons are a little like ſome fine Gentlemen who ſpend all their Hours of Gaiety with their Wenches; but when they fall ſick, will let no one come near them but their Wives. It ſeems Truth and Honour are Companions too ſober for Proſperity. It is certainly the moſt black Ingratitude to accept of a Man's beſt Endeavours to be pleaſing to you, and return it with Indifference.

I am ſo much of this Mind, that *Dick Eaſtcourt* the Comedian, for coming one Night to our Club, tho' he laughed at us all the Time he was there, ſhall have our Company at his Play on *Thurſday*. A Man of Talents is to be favoured, or never admitted. Let the ordinary World truck for Money and Wares, but Men of Spirit and Converſation ſhould in every Kind do others as much Pleaſure as they receive from them. But Men are ſo taken up with outward Forms, that they do not conſider their Actions; elſe how ſhould it be, that a Man ſhall deny that to the Intreaties and almoſt Tears of an old Friend, which he ſhall ſollicit a new one to accept of. I remember when I firſt came out of *Staffordſhire*, I had an Intimacy with a Man of Quality in whoſe Gift there fell a very good Employment. All the Town cry'd, There's a Thing for Mr. *Bickerſtaff!* When, to my great Aſtoniſhment, I found my Patron had been forced upon Twenty Artifices to ſurpriſe a Man with it who never thought of it: But ſure it is a Degree of Murder to amuſe Men with vain Hopes. If a Man takes away another's Life, where is the Difference whether he does it by taking away the Minutes of his Time, or the Drops of his Blood? But indeed ſuch as have Hearts barren of Kindneſs, are ſerved accordingly by thoſe whom they employ, and paſs their Lives away with an empty Show of Civility for Love, and an inſipid Intercourſe of a Commerce in which their Affections are no Way concerned. But on the other Side, How beautiful is the Life of a Patron who performs his Duty to his Inferiors? A worthy Merchant who employs a Crowd of Artificers? A great Lord who is generous and merciful to the ſeveral Neceſſities of his Tenants? A Courtier who uſes his Credit and Power for the Welfare of his Friends? Theſe have in their ſeveral Stations a quick Reliſh of the exquiſite Pleaſure of doing Good. In a Word, good Patrons are like the Guardian Angels of *Plato*, who are ever buſy, tho' unſeen, in the Care of their Wards; but ill Patrons are like the Deities of *Epicurus*, ſupine indolent, and unconcerned, though they ſee Mortals in Storms and Tempeſts, even while they are offering Incenſe to their Power.

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